

Atty. Docket No. IDF 1415 (4000-00900)

## REMARKS

### *Status of claims*

Claims 1-14 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 9 and 14 have been amended.

### *35 USC § 103 Rejection*

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-14 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hartley* (US 6,532,465) in view of *McComb* (US 6,006,224). Applicants note the Examiner's statement that an additional abstraction layer between the domain object factory and the business component as provided by the database wrapper has been considered by is not deemed persuasive because an additional abstraction layer is not recited in the rejected claims. In response, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 9, and 14 to recite "wherein the database wrapper provides an abstraction layer between the domain object factory and the business component." Furthermore, Applicants submit herewith a copy of Exhibit 1 which was referred to in the previous response to office action dated July 25, 2003, but was inadvertently omitted from the response upon submission. Exhibit 1 clearly shows the additional abstraction layer now recited, and how such relates to the prior art of record. Applicants further direct the Examiner to the explanation at pages 3-5 in the response to office action dated July 25, 2003, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. In view of the claim amendments herein, Exhibit 1, and the previous explanation of the prior art, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections to claims 1-14.

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### CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 21-0765, Sprint.

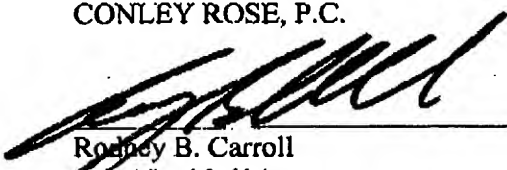
Applicants respectfully submit that the present application as amended is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful in expediting the application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (972) 731-2288.

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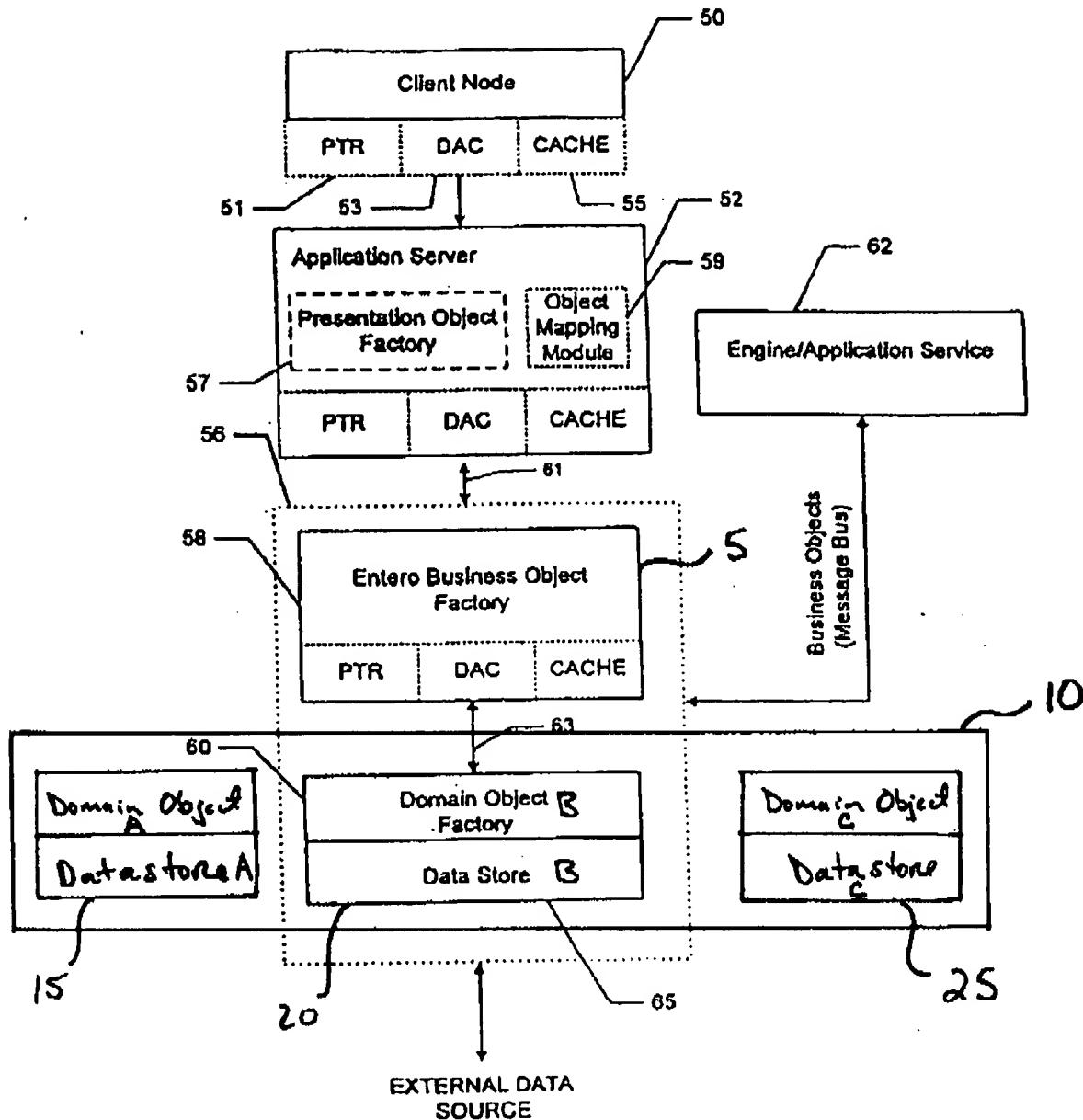


FIG. 5

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Exhibit 1